

Nominate an outstanding Michigan History Teacher!

The Michigan Historical Center Foundation supports access to museum education programs and teaching approaches that make learning about Michigan history exciting for children across the state.

That is why we have created the *Odyssey Awards* and cordially invite you to submit nominations for this prestigious honor.

This brochure contains the official nominating form and lists all of the materials that must accompany entries for the awards.

Why these awards?

Key to all successful education programs are the dedicated teachers who make learning come alive for their students. Teachers across the state are doing a fantastic job of instilling a passion for learning in young people. The Michigan Historical Center Foundation believes it's important to recognize the efforts of these outstanding teachers and help spread the word about what they are doing in their classrooms to inspire students and foster their interest in Michigan history.

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For the seventh consecutive year, the *Odyssey Awards* will honor up to four teachers from across the state. In addition to a unique plaque, each award recipient will receive a cash prize of \$500.

Award recipients will be invited to participate in the *Odyssey 2006* celebration to be held November 18, in Lansing, and will be asked to share their ideas and expertise with other teachers across the state.

Questions?

Questions about the *Odyssey Awards* may be directed to the Foundation office by calling 517-373-2565 or e-mail mhcfoundation@michigan.gov

Send completed form to:

Michigan Historical Center Foundation
P.O. Box 17035
Lansing, MI 48901

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Odyssey Awards

Official Nomination Form



Eligibility: All nominees must teach in a Michigan elementary school.

Nomination Deadline: All entries must be postmarked no later than June 23, 2006.

Entry Requirements: The following materials must be mailed to the *Michigan Historical Center Foundation, P.O. Box 17035, Lansing, MI 48901* by the entry deadline: completed nomination form, two letters of support, the nominee's profile and the letter of nomination.

Support Materials: Letters from two individuals who have personal knowledge of the nominee's achievements. The support letters should include the names, addresses and home telephone numbers of the supporters.

Teacher's Profile: The nominee's personal data, such as memberships, awards, achievements, committee involvement, etc.

Letter of Nomination: In a typewritten attachment, please tell us why you are nominating the teacher named for the *2006 Odyssey Award*.

Your letter of nomination should be no more than 800 words in length and should include information about the nominee's:

- *depth of knowledge about Michigan history;*
- *demonstrated leadership regarding Michigan history, both in their local school district and in their local community; and*
- *demonstrated creativity in the classroom, teaching Michigan history.*

Awards

Announcement: The names of the *2006 Odyssey Award* recipients will be announced publicly in September 2006. Awards will be presented to recipients in connection with the *Odyssey 2006* celebration to be held November 18, at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing.

Expectations: Award recipients will be invited to participate in the Lansing awards ceremony and to share their ideas and expertise with other educators to support the Foundation's goal of promoting creative learning models that inspire students and foster their interest in Michigan history.



Please provide the following information about both the nominee and yourself:

Teacher's Name: _____
Teacher's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
County: _____
Teacher's Home Phone #: _____
Teacher's School District: _____
Teacher's School Building: _____
Grade Taught: _____
Total Years Teaching: _____
Principal's Name: _____
School Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information about yourself:



Nominator's Name: _____
Nominator's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information about supporter #1:



Supporter's Name: _____
Supporter's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
Home Phone Number: _____

Please provide the following information about supporter #2:



Supporter's Name: _____
Supporter's Home Address: _____
City, State & Zip Code: _____
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